IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:

Maeda et al.

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Appln No.: 10/798,031 March 11, 2004 Group No.: 1742 Examiner: Harry D. Wilkins, III

HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY AND NICKEL-METAL HYDRIDE

RECHARGEABLE BATTERY

Commissioner for Patents

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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one month to respond to the Office Action dated August 2, 2006. 2. Applicant is a small entity: |x|other than a small entity. 3. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(a)(5)): Total Months Fee for Other Than Requested Small Entity One month \$120.00

*Cannot be used to exceed six-month statutory limit for response to an Official Action.

A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed. X

Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for the extension fee.

X Charge Deposit Account No. 16-0605 for any fee deficiency.

Respectfully submitted,

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